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SUBJECT: TENG'S AP INTERVIEW--TAIPEI REACTION

1. GROC OFFICIALS ARE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE TENG INTERVIEW. INITIAL REACTION WAS IT PROVIDED REASSURANCE THAT NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PEKING AND THAT PRC WAS UNWILLING TO COMPROMISE ON TAIWAN ISSUE. AFTER STUDYING FULL TEXT, HOWEVER, MOFA AND GIO SOURCES ADMIT TO FEELING OF UNEASE OVER THE INABILITY TO ASSESS EXACTLY WHAT TENG IS UP TO AND WHAT THE IMPACT WILL BE ON THE UNITED STATES.

2. PARTICULARLY PUZZLING TO GROC OFFICIALS, WHO ARE WELL AWARE THAT PRC NORMALLY PREFERS AND INSISTS UPON SECRECY IN NEGOTIATIONS, IS WHY TENG WENT PUBLIC. THEIR ASSUMPTION IS THAT BY SUGGESTING PRC FLEXIBILITY WHILE AT THE SAME TIME OUTLINING ITS LIMITS, HIS INTENT WAS TO ENCOURAGE THE U.S. PRESS TO SPECULATE THAT A NORMALIZATION AGREEMENT WOULD BE POSSIBLE IF THE U.S. WOULD ACCEPT SOMETHING LESS THAN A LIAISON OFFICE IN TAIPEI. BY EMPHASIZING THE FORM OF CONTINUING U.S. REPRESENTATION IN TAIPEI AS THE STUMBLING
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BLOCK AND SUGGESTING THAT THE PRC WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF "SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES" ON TAIWAN, TENG CONVEYED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ECONOMIC AND SECURITY ASPECTS OF THE TAIWAN ISSUE COULD BE ACCOMMODATED IN SOME WAY. CONCERN HERE IS THAT THIS KIND OF SPECULATION IN THE U.S. PRESS WOULD WEAKEN THE GROC ARGUMENT THAT NORMALIZATION MEANS ABANDONMENT OF TAIWAN AND WOULD INCREASE THE INFLUENCE OF "THE DOAK BARNETTS".

3. FORMER PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT THAT HE HAD SUGGESTED THE JAPANESE MODEL AS A POSSIBILITY DURING HIS 1975 PEKING VISIT TOGETHER WITH HIS ENDORSEMENT OF NORMALIZATION AS A FOREIGN POLICY GOAL DID NOTHING TO ALLAY CONCERN HERE. THE GROC IS NOW WANTING TO SEE IF WE GO AHEAD WITH NORMALIZATION TALKS IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON. IF WE DO, AND THEY ARE ASSUMING WE WILL, THEY ARE AFRAID IT WILL MEAN THAT WE HAVE DECIDED WE COULD LIVE WITH AN AGREEMENT WHICH FIT TENG'S PARAMETERS: I.E., ONE THAT PROVIDED FOR REPRESENTATION AT LESS THAN THE LIAISON OFFICE-LEVEL BUT TOOK ACCOUNT OF THE "SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES" ON TAIWAN. SULLIVAN

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